

To the Honorable Michael Powell and Members of the FCC:

Although some of my news does come from print sources, I am dependent on the broadcast media for much of the information that I receive about the world. I strongly believe that it is not in my interest that the airwaves be owned by a few media conglomerates. Henry Ford was most probably wrong when he said, or is reported to have said, that "what's good for Ford is good for America." It is most likely not the case that what's good for huge corporations is good for the average, tax paying citizen like myself.

Far from hoping that the FCC will further limit control of the airwaves, I am writing to ask you to consider giving more access to non-profit, local, and community networks in your upcoming recommendations in early June. Why do I ask this? My answer concerns a Founding Father, Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson said that he thought the hope for democracy lay in an informed and educated citizenry. People who can reason and who know the full range of ideas and opinions on a topic can make informed and mature decisions. Such people are a country's greatest resource. Please put your weight behind keeping our citizens informed and educated; please enable us to have as much access as possible to diverse information on the airwaves. Please give as much open access as possible to a diverse group of service and media outlets.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

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